

# The RCC Weekly

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## From the Learning Academy Committee

We are now soliciting proposals from all members of College community who wish to present at the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Learning Academy and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Title III Day.

Without your involvement, there would be no Academy, so we rely on your ideas and leadership. Please consider submitting a proposal. Encourage others whose expertise you value to do so as well.

Please consider giving a traditional presentation on an academic or student support topic, making a poster for the poster sessions (biggest audience), facilitating a discussion (the important conversations we can never find time for during the academic year), or providing technological training.

### Format

In response to evaluations of past Academies, some changes have been made for this year:

- 90-minute sessions: Those which are well aligned with Strategic Plan priorities, the Institutional Proficiencies, or Core Values will be given preference.
- 20-minute mini sessions: "Nuggets of Knowledge" What is that one idea or technique you want to share, or the burning topic you'd like to get your colleagues to weigh in on? Pose it as a question to discuss or a nugget to share.
- Posters: the best way to reach the entire Academy population and invite informal conversation.

### Submitting a Proposal

The deadline is April 6<sup>th</sup>. Titles are limited to 15 words; descriptions are limited to 100 words. The submission form is online at [surveymonkey.com/s/LearnAcad12](http://surveymonkey.com/s/LearnAcad12)

## Pilot

Both the Faculty Assembly and the President's Cabinet agreed to pilot the new schedule (see p. 2) for fall 2012. The Student Government Association, however, has not had the opportunity to express their opinion. They will discuss the schedule at their meeting on March 6th.

## Haitian Earthquake

For the past few weeks, Dr. Gemima St. Louis, Boston University professor, surveyed students and staff in an effort to determine the effect of the Haitian earthquake. She would like to see a greater number of participants and will resume her survey after our spring break. To achieve that goal, she will be offering survey participants \$10 gift certificates to be used exclusively in our cafeteria. Please inform your students and encourage them to participate.



## Faculty Meetings with VP Mercomes

This semester, Vice-President Brenda Mercomes will meet with faculty on March 29th and April 24th at 11:30.

## Achieving the Dream

This year marks our fifth year as participants in the national Achieving the Dream initiative. Having made great strides since joining in 2007, we were named an Achieving the Dream Leader College last fall. Kudos go to Sterling Giles for his excellent coordination over the last five years. Next week, several faculty and administrators will be attending the Achieving the Dream conference in Dallas, Texas.



## Haitus

The Weekly will be on hiatus for the next few weeks. We will resume publication after Spring Break.

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**Primary Schedule for 3-credit Courses** (Classes meet twice weekly)

| Monday                                     | Tuesday              | Wednesday     | Thursday             | Friday (once-a-week)   |
|--------------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| 7:30 - 8:45                                | 7:30 - 8:45          | 7:30 - 8:45   | 7:30 - 8:45          | 8:30 - 11:15           |
| 9:00 - 10:15                               | 9:00 - 10:15         | 9:00 - 10:15  | 9:00 - 10:15         |                        |
| 10:30 - 11:45                              | 10:30 - 11:45        | 10:30 - 11:45 | 10:30 - 11:45        | Activity 11:20 - 12:20 |
| 12:00 - 1:15                               | 12:00 - 1:15         | 12:00 - 1:15  | 12:00 - 1:15         | 12:30 - 3:15           |
| 1:30 - 2:45                                | Activity 1:30 - 2:45 | 1:30 - 2:45   | Activity 1:30 - 2:45 |                        |
| 3:00 - 4:15                                | 3:00 - 4:15          | 3:00 - 4:15   | 3:00 - 4:15          | 3:30 - 6:15            |
| 4:30 - 5:45                                | 4:30 - 5:45          | 4:30 - 5:45   | 4:30 - 5:45          |                        |
| Evening (Classes meet <b>once</b> -a-week) |                      |               |                      |                        |
| 6:00 - 8:45                                | 6:00 - 8:45          | 6:00 - 8:45   | 6:00 - 8:45          |                        |

**Primary Schedule for 4-credit Courses** (Classes meet twice weekly; note overlapping start time)

| Monday                                      | Tuesday              | Wednesday    | Thursday             | Note:                                      |
|---------------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| 7:30 - 10:15                                | 7:30 - 10:15         | 7:30 - 10:15 | 7:30 - 10:15         | Same Schedule for<br>Lab & non-lab courses |
| 9:00 - 11:45                                | 9:00 - 11:45         | 9:00 - 11:45 | 9:00 - 11:45         |                                            |
| 10:30 - 1:15                                | 10:30 - 1:15         | 10:30 - 1:15 | 10:30 - 1:15         |                                            |
| 12:00 - 2:45                                | Activity 1:30 - 2:45 | 12:00 - 2:45 | Activity 1:30 - 2:45 |                                            |
| 1:30 - 4:15                                 | 3:00 - 5:45          | 1:30 - 4:15  | 3:00 - 5:45          |                                            |
| Evening (Classes meet <b>TWICE</b> -a-week) |                      |              |                      |                                            |
| 6:00 - 8:45                                 | 6:00 - 8:45          | 6:00 - 8:45  | 6:00 - 8:45          |                                            |

**Primary Schedule for 4-credit Courses with Lab** (Lecture & Lab on same day)

| Friday                 | Saturday     |
|------------------------|--------------|
| 8:30 - 11:15           | 8:30 - 11:15 |
| Activity 11:20 - 12:20 | 11:45 - 2:30 |
| 12:30 - 3:15           |              |

**Primary MWF grid for classes that meet 3 times a week**

| Monday        | Wednesday     | Friday                 | Note:                                              |
|---------------|---------------|------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| 7:30 - 8:20   | 7:30 - 8:20   | 7:30 - 8:20            | 4-credit courses will<br>use 2 slots (ex: ENG 091) |
| 8:30 - 9:20   | 8:30 - 9:20   | 8:30 - 9:20            |                                                    |
| 9:30 - 10:20  | 9:30 - 10:20  | 9:30 - 10:20           |                                                    |
| 10:30 - 11:20 | 10:30 - 11:20 | 10:30 - 11:20          |                                                    |
| Not possible  | Not possible  | Activity 11:20 - 12:20 |                                                    |
| 12:30 - 1:20  | 12:30 - 1:20  | 12:30 - 1:20           |                                                    |
| 1:30 - 2:30   | 1:30 - 2:30   | 1:30 - 2:30            |                                                    |

**Items for "The Weekly"**

If you have something of interest that you would like to share with the college community, please submit it (by Tuesday afternoon) to Jacqueline Lynch at [jlynch1@rcc.mass.edu](mailto:jlynch1@rcc.mass.edu)